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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Statement of Gerrit DONKER
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter " over 21 ") Over 21
Occupation of Witness Detective Inspector
Address Special Branch, New Scotland Yard, S.W.1.

On Sunday, 12th January, 1969, I was on duty during a march and demonstration organised by the Zimbabwe Solidarity Action Committee and Black People's Alliance, and I marched with the demonstrators from Speakers' Corner to Downing Street and then to Rhodesia House, Strand, W.C.2. The demonstrators arrived at Rhodesia House at 4.30 p.m. and I watched them make several attempts to break the police cordon to enter Rhodesia House, but their attacks were unsuccessful. ✓ About 5 p.m. I was amongst a group of demonstrators when I heard talk about leaving Rhodesia House and make a separate attack on the South African Embassy. I accompanied these demonstrators, who numbered about 7-800, along the Strand into Duncannon Street and I saw them start to break the windows on the ground floor of the South African Embassy and the Duncannon public house, which is next door. I saw one man, aged about 26, 6' tall, with brown curly hair, heavy build, attach some clothing around a pole, set light to it and throw it at the Embassy. It hit the Embassy wall. I saw the same man throw small objects, which could have been stones or coins, and pieces of wood at the

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windows of the South African Embassy, breaking the glass of several windows. At about 5.40 p.m. in the Strand side of the South African Embassy, I saw the same man, after he had been arrested by police officers, being taken to a police coach. Later that evening, in the charge room at Cannon Row Police Station, I saw the same man. I asked D.C. Gillies, who was present in the charge room, for the man's name, and was told he was Edward Michael DAVOREN. I have previously seen this man taking part in other demonstrations.

This statement, consisting of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 14th day of January, 19 69

(Signed) Gerrit Donker

Signature witnessed by Edward Jones

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being unable to read the above statement I,
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read it to him before he signed it).

Dated the day of

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(Signed)